

and makes it washing. The benevolent societies thru our instrumentality have been furnishing them coal and food free. We have clothed several of the children and furnished them shoes, and they come to Sunday school, but the mother has no clothing fit to come, or at least she thinks so. Hence we take the meetings to such. Thru one of her boys one of the near neighbor's boys was gotten to the Sunday school, and thru the boy we got into the home and had a prayer meeting there. The mother is a real nice lady. Her people are noble Christians living in Delaware, but she never goes to church in the city. So by going to such we get them interested and hope to win them to the Lord by and by.

I give these as examples of how we work here in this part of the city. We have larger attendance in our mission now than several others that have been running for three years. Our Sunday school numbered 52 last Sunday. This is the largest number we have yet had. We hope in a year's time to have 100. Last week we also started a junior choir, and this week we will start a home department in the Sunday school. We expect good results from both.

We opened our mission in Bethlehem, April 12, with a well filled house. Sister Alice Harley opened Sunday School with 31 pupils in their new mission.

We hope to be able to so organize our forces that we will be able to do a good work at all three places where the Lord has made us overseers. I have much that I would like to say about the Lord's work here in the Mission, but must wait until some other time.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Nickerson, Kans.

We have just had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Three precious souls were added to the church yesterday by Christian baptism, and last night we had a glorious love feast. Sixteen communed. Three dear, young sisters, just born into the kingdom of God's dear Son, enjoyed this fellowship and holy communion for the first time. Seven were young people, "Tender Lambs of Jesus' Fold." Some were absent whom we had reason to expect with us. Brother L. G. Wood was with us and conducted all our services, preaching on Wednesday night, baptizing on Thursday and officiating at confirmation and love-feast at night. May God's richest blessings be upon him ever.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us take courage and work with greater zeal and devotion for the coming year. God will help if we try. The church or individual who does their whole duty will be blessed of God and prospered. Study Rom. 8:28. All things—for good—the called—his purpose.

J. W. BEER.

Nickerson, Kans.

Troy, Ohio

According to promise I will give a short report of the work at Troy, O. On March 9 we opened the Troy Brethren church for services. The church had been practically closed for nearly four years. A wolf in sheep's clothing had got among the lambs and had scattered them. This wolf was named Delaney, an ex-priest, recommended to the Troy Brethren.

Well, I got the promise of brother M. S. White of Pleasant Hill, O., to hold a four weeks' meeting. Brother White came on the evening of Mar. 30. Preached in all 18 sermons. Brother Kimmel of Dayton was also with us and preached one telling good sermon. Brother White delivered his sermons with enthusiasm and interest. They were seasoned with illustrations, just enough to make them deeply impressive. Brother White has endeared himself to the writer and members and the people of the town.

Troy was a difficult town to work, owing to the church being closed so long. The meetings were well attended under the circumstance, but as usual when the meetings were just beginning to wax warm they closed. The results were one conversion and the scattered members coming back. While the revival is over, the seed sown during the revival we feel sure will in time to come manifest itself in more additions. The cause has been greatly strengthened.

On Sunday, April 6, we organized a Sunday school with 27 scholars, and the third Sunday from its organization it had grown to over 50 scholars. Brother Ira Shellenbarger is superintendent with a good corps of teachers. I want to say that the Troy church is alive once more and her doors are open for services. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Now we hope the Mission Board will not forget us. Remember us in your prayers.

SIMON MIKESELL.

Under the Kansas Skies

We arrived in Kansas, April 2, and are now at work in our new field. The pastor elect of Pony Creek and Hamlin churches was placed at ease immediately when, at the noon train stopping at Hamlin, he was met by brother Elias Berkley, senior deacon of the Hamlin church, and conveyed to his pleasant home in the heart of the little city. Once at Berkley's, with grandma and the rest, contentment was assured until the parsonage was prepared for the new minister.

Before coming to this much maligned locality I had received perhaps twenty letters from different individuals, telling of country and climate, and not two descriptions were alike. One brother said, "Brown county, Kansas, is the garden spot of the world;" another, "So you are going to Kansas, poor, bleeding Kansas; windy, dusty, dirty Kansas;" another, "If I owned Hades and Hamlin I would try to sell the latter." But, while it may be too soon for me to pronounce along this line, I must say we are delighted with our new field of service and our experience so far has been sweet indeed.

The Pony Creek and Hamlin churches are strong, active, influential bodies. Apart from the common conditions which have helped to make them so, I believe a significant cause for this ecclesiastical health, apparent to the preacher the moment he meets the people, lies in the fact that they are in touch with all the schemes of the general church. They are in sympathy with our missions, as Brother Talley and others can affirm; with the publishing interests, as Brother Gnagey has found; their aid also can be counted on for the educational work of the church and for any other projection which shall mean solid business. In this respect they are ahead of our late Ohio pastorate. With one praiseworthy exception—Fairview—the several churches which I served during my two years in Ohio, were slow to aid any cause outside the home work. This statement on my part cannot be construed as telling tales out of home, for the weekly reports in the EVANGELIST have already made public this lack. The resultant condition of the churches was serious illness, if not a close approach to death. This was a great burden to me as well as the source of constant embarrassment and humiliation. Be it said, however, the people themselves were good, kindly, candid men and women; and, barring possibly one or two, treated their pastor with the utmost Christian courtesy and regard. In this Kansas charge I shall not feel obliged to urge the necessity of sustaining the general work of the church—that is a part of our permanent plan.

On my arrival at Hamlin I was informed that I was no stranger, that the people had been following me and my work for a number of years. You see they read the church paper and keep posted

even on little things. Indeed we could not have met with people who at once seemed so near. Then their names—Berkley, Yoder, Baughman, Saylor, Lichty, Flickinger—familiar names in old Somerset County, Pennsylvania, where were spent the happiest and probably the most successful years of my ministry in the Brethren church. I had wondered why Brother Knepper seemed unable to make a speech on any topic without referring to his Somerset County constituents; but five years' experience among those good, earnest, loyal people have taught me that there are few places in our brotherhood where a minister can do his work with greater satisfaction and prospect of success than that part of western Pennsylvania. Here, about Pony Creek and Hamlin, the country looks to me like Somerset County, many of the people are from that section, the work has the old Pennsylvania progressiveness and the new pastor falls in perfectly at home.

J. C. MACKEY.

Goshen, Ind.

Our Union meeting at Pleasant View church was enjoyed by all who attended. Some of the churches were not represented. Brother Flora who is Indiana's greatest missionary held services Monday and Tuesday nights before the meeting. Brethren Rensch and Miller of Goshen and Wm. H. of Milford helped to make the meeting a help to all who attended. Since Brother Fisher's death Gravelton fails to represent. Sickness prevented Brother Leedy's attendance. We always expect certain ones there. I wish there were more of that kind. I am reminded of what a sister once said when some were complaining about the distance to service. She said, we live twenty miles from Ft. Wayne but if there were twenty dollars there for us and we had to be there by 4 A. M. to get it we would be there. I would feel that people were honest if they would just say, I have no interest, instead of making all kinds of excuses.

We hope to see all our churches represented at Gravelton in June. How about the 18 and 19 of June, will that suit you at Gravelton? Now plan to go. Every one on the program be there or send a substitute. Go on Wednesday evening stay over night, you will see your name on the program. That is all the notice you will get and I send it in time. You see that all are prepared to carry out their part. We want you all present. We want to see you. The following program has been prepared by the committee. Now be there on time. Gravelton brethren will care for you:

PROGRAM

Wednesday Evening, 7:30, Sermon. L. O. Hubbard.
Thursday, 10 A. M., Devotional Service. V. R. Miller.
Bible Reading. B. H. Flora.
Sermon. A. S. Menaugh.
Song. Diana Frasier.
What the S. S. Teacher can do. Mrs. Lydia Whistler.

P. M.

Devotional Services. Nora Earley.
Election of Officers and Business.
What to do with our Pastorless Churches. L. O. Hubbard.
Recitation. Ida Leedy.
The Ideal Communion Service. G. W. Rensch.
Queries. Ezra Leedy.
Communion Services in the Evening.

A. S. MENAUGH.

Communion Announcement

The Pleasant Hill Brethren church will hold a communion meeting on Saturday evening, May 3. A cordial invitation is extended to the church of Troy and Dayton and to any others of like faith.

C. E. STAUB.